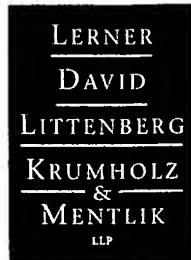


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FLAME-RETARDANT COMPOSITE COMPOSITION HAVING BIODEGRADABILITY  
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